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RUMANIAN FORESTRY PRODUCTS

PAPER AND CELLUIOSE INDUSTRY -- Vienna, Nachrichten aus der Rumanischen Volksrepublik, 15 Feb 52

The paper and cellulose industry in Rumania showed a 43.4 percent increase [date not given] over production of paper articles in 1948, and a 34 percent increase in paper production in the same period. The Five-Year Plan provides for an increase by 1955 of 180 percent in paper and cellulose products over the 1950 figure.

One of the most valuable raw materials for the production of cellulose is the reeds which grow abundantly in the Danube delts. These reeds are of excellent quality and grow to a height of 6 meters. Research stations are studying the value of these reeds in paper making. The Five-Year Plan provides for building a large combine to make profitable use of the Danube delta reeds.

TIMBER INDUSTRY -- Vienna, Nachrichten aus der Rumanischen Volksrepublik, 19 Sep 52

The development of the timber industry in Rumania is noteworthy. Since the very beginning of planned economy in Rumania, existing factories have been supplied with modern equipment and new factories have been added. In the woodworking industry alone, 15 new enterprises have been erected, among them the great Vaduri and Vatra Dornei forest combines. The Sovromlemn enterprises have become models for all woodworking enterprises.

Numerous machines and modern equipment have been imported for all branches of the timber industry. The transport of logs and lumber has been mechanized. Among the new equipment are sawdust suction fans and traveling cranes. KT-12 tractors ZIS trucks, cranes, and electric saws have been introduced at many logging camps. It should be noted that one KT-12 tractor does the work of te: ox teams and that the use of a cableway for transporting logs increases work productivity almost 110 percent.

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Much attention is being paid to the training of loggers and woodworkers. From 1948 to 1951, about 40,000 workers were qualified, 20,000 of them in 1951 alone. During the same period, 1,147 graduates of intermediate technical schools and 188 graduates of specialized technical and engineering institutes were employed in logging and woodworking. Through the introduction of the Stakhanovite system and socialist competitions, the 1950 production was about 15 percent higher than the 1949 production, while production in 1951 was about 32 percent higher than in 1949.

Every wage earner in the lumber sector now has a right to a paid vacation. Since 1950, instead of the old type of mud huts, 768 groups of clean log houses have been built. In 1950 there were built 499 houses for workmen; in 1951 some 500 houses were added. The most remote logging camps have shops and mess halls with good food. In 1951 alone, 106 mess halls with accommodations for nearly 6,000 persons were built.

There are many problems to be solved by workers and technicians in the lumber industry. Special attention must be given to mechanizing the heavy work at logging camps, better use of existing equipment, and introduction of small mechanical devices. A larger number of workers must learn to apply the Soviet Kotlyar method, to introduce socialist competitions, and to improve quality while lowering costs.

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